UNITED
NATIONS

E

Economic and Social Council

Distr.
GENERAL

E/CN.15/1993/1
25 February 1993

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION
AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Second session
Vienna, 13-23 April 1993
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

3. Review of priority themes:

   (a) National and transnational crime, economic crime, including money laundering, and the role of criminal law in the protection of the environment;

   (b) Crime prevention in urban areas, juvenile and violent criminality;

   (c) Efficiency, fairness and improvement in the management and administration of criminal justice and related systems, with due emphasis on the strengthening of national capacities in developing countries for the regular collection, collation, analysis and utilization of data in the development and implementation of appropriate policies.

4. Technical cooperation.

5. United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

6. Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders.

93-10758 (E) 080393 *110393*

/...

7. Cooperation and coordination of activities with other United Nations bodies.

8. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22.

9. Programme questions.

10. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its second session.

Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1) and with the practice established at the first session, the Commission may wish to elect five officers, that is, a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

In accordance with decision 1/101, adopted by the Commission at its first session, the post of Chairman of the second session is to be occupied by a member of the group of Eastern European States and the post of Rapporteur by a member of the group of African States.

The membership of the Commission for 1993 is reproduced in annex I to the present document.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda contained herein has been approved, on the recommendation of the Commission, by the Economic and Social Council, in decision 1992/274 of 30 July 1992.

Proposals concerning the organization of work of the session appear in annex II to the present document.

The proceedings of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice are governed by the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

3. Review of priority themes

(a) National and transnational crime, economic crime, including money laundering, and the role of criminal law in the protection of the environment

(b) Crime prevention in urban areas, juvenile and violent criminality

(c) Efficiency, fairness and improvement in the management and administration of criminal justice and related systems, with due emphasis on the strengthening of national capacities in developing countries for the regular collection, collation, analysis and utilization of data in the development and implementation of appropriate policies

In its resolution 1992/22 of 30 July 1992, the Economic and Social Council determined that the above priority themes should guide the work of the Commission in the development of a detailed programme and the budget allocations for the period 1992-1996.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the survey of activities carried out in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice within the United Nations system and by relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and on cooperation and coordination of activities with other United Nations bodies.

In addition, the Commission's attention is drawn to two reports of the Secretary-General on the impact of organized criminal activities upon society at large and on the control of proceeds of crime. The first of these documents contains a general description and evaluation of the consequences of organized criminal activities for social institutions, whereas the second one provides an overview of problems associated with proceeds of crime and the role of the United Nations in promoting international cooperation in this field at the national and international levels.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the survey of activities carried out in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice within the United Nations system and by relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and on cooperation and coordination of activities with other United Nations bodies (E/CN.15/1993/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of organized criminal activities upon society at large (E/CN.15/1993/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on the control of proceeds of crime (E/CN.15/1993/4)

4. Technical cooperation

In its resolution 1992/22, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should include in its agenda, beginning with its second session, a standing item on technical assistance, which would deal with the most practical course of action to be followed to render the programme fully operational. The Council, by the same resolution, also determined that in the areas of priority listed in item 3 above, the objectives would be:

(a) To concentrate the majority of programme resources on the provision of training, advisory services and technical cooperation in a limited number of areas of recognized need, taking into account the need for technical assistance

to developing countries, in order to achieve a synergetic effect, allowing intense and effective use of materials, resources and experience from both regular budgetary resources and voluntary contributions;

(b) In the case of special operational activities and advisory services in situations of urgent need, to offer timely and practical assistance to Governments, upon request, in situations that do not permit a problem to be adopted as a regular priority by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice; the Secretariat should submit to the Commission, at its second session, a narrative and statistical report on the implementation of these special operational activities and advisory services;

(c) With regard to programme organization, evaluation and reporting obligations, to assist the Commission in reaching agreement on the general goals of the programme and the needs to be met; to ascertain the capacity available to meet those needs; to determine the objectives, specific activities and mechanisms to be used for that purpose; to remain cognizant of and advise the Commission on pertinent developments and discharge other reporting responsibilities; and to mobilize support for the programme.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the need to identify the most practical course of action to fully operationalize the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, including financial possibilities.

Further, the attention of the Commission is drawn to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the need to identify the most practical course of action to fully operationalize the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, including financial possibilities (E/CN.15/1993/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1992/22 (E/1993/10)

5. United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1992/22, decided that the Commission should include in its agenda, beginning with its second session, a standing item on the existing United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including their use and application. The Commission will therefore have before it a report of the Secretary-General on existing United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on existing United Nations standards and norms, which serve as recommendations to Member States, in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice in the light of and including their use and application (E/CN.15/1993/6)

Background documentation

Report of the Pre-sessional Working Group on the Implementation of United Nations Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/AC.57/1990/WG.2)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting of Experts for the Evaluation of Implementation of United Nations Norms and Guidelines in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Vienna, 14-16 October 1991 (E/CN.15/1992/4/Add.4)

Report of the Ministerial Meeting on the Creation of an Effective United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, held in Paris from 21 to 23 November 1991 (A/46/703 and Corr.1)

6. Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

In its resolution 1992/24 of 30 July 1992, the Economic and Social Council requested the Commission at its second session to finalize the provisional agenda for the Ninth Congress and to make its recommendations to the Council, taking into account the following:

(a) The Ninth Congress should deal with a limited number of precisely defined substantive topics, which should reflect the urgent needs of the world community;

(b) The final selection of those topics should be made in accordance with the priorities set by the Commission at its first session;

(c) The holding of action-oriented research and demonstration workshops related to the topics mentioned under item 3 above, as part of the programme of the Ninth Congress, and ancillary meetings associated with its provisional agenda.

In addition, the Council, in the same resolution, requested the Secretary-General to prepare a discussion guide for the consideration of the Commission, and draft rules of procedure for the Ninth Congress.

In the same resolution, the Council decided that the following topics could be included in the provisional agenda for the Ninth Congress:

(a) International cooperation and practical technical assistance for strengthening the rule of law: promoting the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme;

(b) Action against national and transnational economic, organized and environmental crime: national experiences and international cooperation;

(c) Criminal justice systems: management and improvement of police, prosecution, courts and corrections;

(d) Crime prevention strategies, in particular as related to crimes in urban areas and juvenile and violent criminality, including the question of victims: assessment and new perspectives.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the preparations for the Ninth Congress, a draft discussion guide and draft rules of procedure for the Congress.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (E/CN.15/1993/7)

Draft discussion guide (E/CN.15/1993/L.1)

Draft provisional rules of procedure for the Ninth Congress (E/CN.15/1993/L.2)

7. Cooperation and coordination of activities with other United Nations bodies

The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1992/22, recommended that the Secretary-General undertake, inter alia, the strengthening of cooperation with other United Nations bodies, as well as with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and the coordination and integration of the activities of the interregional, regional and associated institutes cooperating with the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

Further, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in support of the Commission's setting of programme priorities, to conduct a survey of activities carried out in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice within the United Nations system and by relevant intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the survey of activities and on cooperation and coordination of activities with other United Nations bodies, and a report on the activities of the interregional, regional and associated institutes.

Attention is drawn to article IV of the Statute of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, entitled "Board of Trustees". Action is required on the part of the Commission and the Economic and Social Council, concerning the terms of appointment of two Board members. Background information on the proposed candidates is contained in the annex to the progress report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United

Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and other institutes.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the survey of activities carried out in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice within the United Nations system and by relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and on cooperation and coordination of activities with other United Nations bodies (E/CN.15/1993/2)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and other institutes (E/CN.15/1993/8)

United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute: report of the Institute (E/CN.15/1993/8/Add.1)

Report of the Eighth Joint Programme Coordination Meeting of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network, held at Sharja, United Arab Emirates, from 16 to 19 January 1993 (E/CN.15/1993/CRP.1)

Background documentation

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and the regional institutes for crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/1992/3)

8. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22

The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1992/22, requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1993, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, on the progress made in the implementation of the various provisions of the resolution.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1992/22 and on options and recommendations for the creation of an appropriate mechanism, such as a foundation, to mobilize human, financial and other resources (E/1993/10)

Background documentation

General Assembly resolution 46/152 on the creation of an effective United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

9. Programme questions

(a) Programme performance and implementation

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/238, the Commission will have before it, for information, excerpts from the reports of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1990-1991 (A/47/159 and Add.1) and of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-second session (A/47/16 (Part I)).

(b) Revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

The Commission will have before it, for information, the revisions to programme 29 (Crime prevention and criminal justice) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6 (Prog. 29)), as amended by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/214.

(c) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 1994-1995

The Commission will have before it, for its consideration, a note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work in crime prevention and criminal justice for the biennium 1994-1995.

The proposed programme of work has been prepared on the assumption that all resources budgeted, in particular those concerning professional staff, will be fully available and utilized. To the extent that the assumption is proved unfounded in a significant manner, programme implementation will be adjusted accordingly.

The Commission may wish to review the proposed programme of work and provide its comments to the Secretary-General. It should be borne in mind that, in accordance with the terms of regulation 3.1 and rules 103.2, 103.3, 103.5 and 103.6 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, while the suggestions or recommendations on the substance of the work programme by the intergovernmental body concerned may be taken into account in the course of the preparation and review of the programme budget, the Secretary-General cannot commit himself to the adoption of such suggestions or recommendations before the completion of the proposed programme budget.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work in crime prevention and criminal justice for the biennium 1994-1995

10. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1), the Commission will have before it the provisional agenda for its third session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation.

In resolution 1979/41, the Economic and Social Council decided that the provisional agenda of its subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, should be submitted to the Council for review, in order, inter alia, to establish greater consistency between the documentation of those bodies and the overall documentation requested by the Council and other subsidiary bodies and greater consistency between the requests for documentation and the medium-term plan and the programme budget.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the third session of the Commission (E/CN.15/1993/L.3)

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its second session

The report of the Commission on its second session will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993.

Attention is drawn to Council resolution 1989/114, in which the Council requested its subsidiary bodies to highlight policy recommendations and decisions resulting from their deliberation for consideration and appropriate action by the Council.

Annex I

COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

(40 members)

Second session, 13-23 April 1993, Vienna

	Term expires on 31 December
Australia	1994
Austria	1993
Bolivia	1994
Bulgaria	1994
Burkina Faso	1993
China	1994
Costa Rica	1993
Cuba	1993
Dominican Republic	1993
Finland	1993
France	1994
Gabon	1993
Germany	1993
Ghana	1994
Guinea-Bissau	1993
Hungary	1993
Indonesia	1994
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1994
Italy	1994
Japan	1993
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1993
Madagascar	1994
Malawi	1993
Malaysia	1993
Nicaragua	1994
Nigeria	1994
Paraguay	1994
Peru	1994
Philippines	1994
Poland	1994
Republic of Korea	1994
Russian Federation	1993
Saudi Arabia	1993
Sierra Leone	1994
Sri Lanka	1993
Tunisia	1993
Uganda	1993
United States of America	1994
Uruguay	1994
Zaire	1993

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The proposed organization of work for the second session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, set out below, has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. The purpose of this proposal is to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time available, taking into account the conference facilities allocated to the Commission.

2. The proposed timetable should be considered as purely indicative in character. Once the Commission completes the general discussion of an item before an indicated time, it may wish to move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.

3. Should the suggestions on the proposed organization of work be acceptable, and since the first part of the session would be devoted to the general discussion of the substantive agenda items, the Commission may wish, during the time allocated to informal consultations, to establish informal working group to deal with specific proposals submitted under the items of its agenda. It should be noted, however, that interpretation services are available for only one meeting at a time. Interpretation for an informal working group would, therefore, only be available during a suspension of the plenary meeting.

4. With regard to statements on the substantive agenda items, it is suggested that a 10-minute time-limit be set for the delivery of such statements.

5. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the session. It is suggested that the meetings be held from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Proposed organization of work

Tuesday, 13 April		Opening of the session
a.m.	Item 1	Election of officers
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	Item 3	Review of priority themes:
		(a) National and transnational crime, economic crime, including money laundering, and the role of criminal law in the protection of the environment
		(b) Crime prevention in urban areas, juvenile and violent criminality

		(c) Efficiency, fairness and improvement in the management and administration of criminal justice and related systems, with due emphasis on the strengthening of national capacities in developing countries for the regular collection, collation, analysis and utilization of data in the development and implementation of appropriate policies
12 noon		Closure of list of speakers on item 3
p.m.	Item 3	(Continuation and conclusion of general discussion)
Wednesday, 14 April		
a.m.	Item 4	Technical cooperation
12 noon		Closure of list of speakers on item 4
p.m.	Item 4	(Continuation and conclusion of general discussion)
Thursday, 15 April		
a.m.	Item 5	United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice
12 noon		Closure of list of speakers on item 5
p.m.	Item 5	(Continuation and conclusion of general discussion)
Friday, 16 April		
a.m.	Item 6	Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders
12 noon		Closure of list of speakers on item 6
p.m.	Item 6	(Continuation and conclusion of general discussion)
5.30 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 3 and 4	

Monday, 19 April		
a.m.	Item 7	Cooperation and coordination of activities with other United Nations bodies
12 noon		Closure of list of speakers on item 7
p.m.	Item 7	(Continuation and conclusion of general discussion)
5.30 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 5 and 6	
Tuesday, 20 April		
a.m.	Item 8	Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22
12 noon		Closure of list of speakers on item 8
p.m.	Item 8	(Continuation and conclusion of general discussion)
	Item 9	Programme questions
Wednesday, 21 April		
a.m.		Informal consultations
p.m.		Informal consultations
5.30 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 7 and 8	
Thursday, 22 April		
a.m.		Consideration and action on draft proposals on items 3, 4 and 5
p.m.		Consideration and action on draft proposals on items 6, 7 and 8

Friday, 23 April

a.m.		Action on any outstanding draft proposals
	Item 10	Consideration of the provisional agenda for the third session of the Commission
p.m.	Item 11	Adoption of the report of the Commission
		Closure of the session